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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.